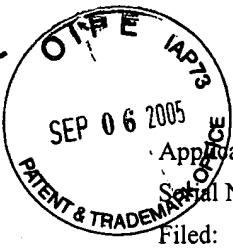


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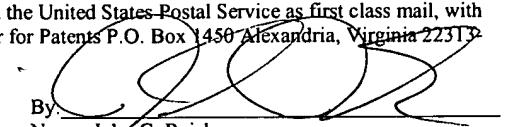
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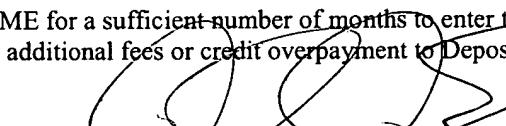
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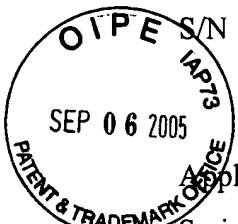
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 2, 2005, said period of response being extended from June 2, 2005 to September 2, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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